

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Objections have been raised to the Drawings. Amended drawings are submitted herewith.

The Examiner raises a number of objections to the form of the claims. These objections have been satisfied by the foregoing amendments in the claims.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-20 under 35 USC § 102 in view of Brooks '826.

Applicant respectfully points out that nowhere in Brooks is a visual, optical sensing system described. As the presently claimed invention specifically sets out a visual, optical sensing system, the Brooks reference is not a proper citation against the presently claimed invention.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated, and now respectfully requests withdrawal of those objections and an allowance of this application.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term for reply to the Office action dated 1 November 2005 for three-months from 1 February 2006 to 1 May 2006. Accordingly, the response is filed on 1 May 2006. Submitted herewith is a check for \$510 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account no 04-2219 referencing our docket number 13011.

Respectfully submitted,

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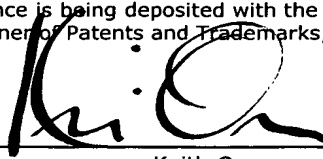
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